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5500-36100/TT2823

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Gardner, et al.

Serial No. 09/207,972

Filed: December 9, 1998

For: **ULTRATHIN HIGH-K GATE
DIELECTRIC WITH FAVORABLE
INTERFACE PROPERTIES FOR
IMPROVED SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE PERFORMANCE**



Group Art Unit: 2815
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AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 22, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of November 22, 2000 to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claims 23-29 as follows:

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